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SUBJECT: OFFSET - - URANIUM ENRICHMENT

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1. SUMMARY. FRG FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY UEA PLANS FOR URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT. TECHMIN REPS AGAIN URGED THAT AEC PROVIDE ASAP ITS PROPOSAL FOR ENRICHMENT SERVICES UNDER OFFSET AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY

2. GERMAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES WERE VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH BRIEFING GIVEN BY REPRESENTATIVES OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT ASSOCIATES (UEA) IN BONN ON OCTOBER 29. UEA HAS SINCE FOLLOWED UP WITH PROPOSAL THAT MR. LANGLEY (BECHTEL) VISIT GERMANY AGAIN TO ANSWER ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS. FRG HAS ACCEPTED AND PROPOSED THAT LANGLEY MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GERMAN ELECTRIC UTILITIES (VDEW) IN FRANKFURT ON DECEMBER 10.

3. EMBASSY S&T COUNSELOR WAS INFORMED THAT FRG WOULD DEFINITELY ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION BY THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UTILITIES AND INDUSTRIES IN UEA PROJECT. IT WAS TOO

EARLY TO DETERMINE, HOWEVER, THE FORM OR MAGNITUDE OF THIS POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION.

4. FRG TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY OFFICIALS APPEALED AGAIN FOR A PROMPT AEC DECISION ON ENRICHMENT SERVICES UNDER ARTICLE 4A OF CURRENT OFFSET AGREEMENT. TECHMIN OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING GERMAN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS OFFSET PROVISION INFORMED EMBOFF THAT FRG HAS ALREADY SPENT DM 78 MILLION IN US TO PURCHASE NATURAL URANIUM AS RAW MATERIAL FOR THESE ENRICHMENT SERVICES.

5. TECHMIN REP ALSO EXPLAINED THAT FRG HAS ON DEPOSIT WITH US TREASURY A SUM OF MONEY FOR THE PURCHASE OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES UNDER A SUPPLEMENT TO THE 1969-1971 OFFSET AGREEMENT (SEE BONN A-175; FEBRUARY 17, 1972). FRG WOULD LIKE TO COORDINATE THIS OBLIGATION WITH DM 200 MILLION EXPENDITURE FOR PROCUREMENT OF ENRICHED URANIUM. HE URGED THAT AEC RESPOND TO DR. SCHMIDT-KUESTER'S APPROACH (STATE 219004) ASAP TO PERMIT FRG TO FULFILL THEIR OFFSET OBLIGATIONS PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 1975 OFFSET DEADLINE. CASH

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